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DECLARATION POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PAT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and ijoint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **"Vinyl sulphone modified polymer"**

the specification of which
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[] is attached hereto

[] was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____
[if applicable]

[] as filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on 05 August 1998
Serial PCT/GB98/02264, The United States of America being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority claimed	
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Number	Country	Day/Month/Year filed		
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

(U.S. Serial No.) (Filing date) (Status-patented, pending, abandoned)

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